

HOUSE BILL No. 1478

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-22-1-13.

Synopsis: Disposal of abandoned vehicles. Raises the market value limit below which a public officer is authorized to dispose of an abandoned vehicle or parts at an automobile scrapyard.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-22-1-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) If in the
3 opinion of the officer the market value of an abandoned vehicle or parts
4 determined ~~under~~ **in accordance with** section 12 of this chapter is less
5 than:
6 (1) ~~one~~ **five** hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~; **(\$500)**; or
7 (2) in a municipality that has adopted an ordinance under
8 subsection (b), the amount established by the ordinance;
9 the officer shall immediately dispose of the vehicle to an automobile
10 scrapyard. A copy of the abandoned vehicle report and photographs
11 relating to the abandoned vehicle shall be forwarded to the bureau. The
12 public agency disposing of the vehicle shall retain the original records
13 and photographs for at least two (2) years.
14 (b) The legislative body of a municipality (as defined in
15 IC 36-1-2-11) may adopt an ordinance that establishes the market value
16 below which an officer may dispose of a vehicle or parts under
17 subsection (a). However, the market value established by the ordinance

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may not be more than ~~five~~ **seven** hundred **fifty** dollars ~~(\$500)~~; **(\$750)**.

SECTION 2. IC 9-22-1-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. **(a)** If in the opinion of the officer the market value of the abandoned vehicle or parts determined ~~under~~ **in accordance with** section 12 of this chapter is at least:

(1) ~~one~~ **five** hundred dollars ~~(\$100)~~; **(\$500)**; or

(2) in a municipality that has adopted an ordinance under section 13(b) of this chapter, the amount established by the ordinance; the officer, before placing a notice tag on the vehicle or parts, shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain the person who owns the vehicle or parts or who may be in control of the vehicle or parts.

(b) After seventy-two (72) hours, the officer shall require the vehicle or parts to be towed to a storage area.

SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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